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Chief Hasse, a native of Madison, Wisconsin, assumed duties as District Aircraft Maintenance Manager (AMM) and Chief Enlisted Manager (CEM), DCMDI, on 6 June 2000. As District AMM, he is responsible for administering the execution of command policies, procedures, and the initiatives for DCMDI's Flight Operations, Flight Safety, and AMM programs located throughout 14 countries. As CEM, he represents the 40 assigned multi-service enlisted members and provides executive assistance in their support and guidance.

Chief Hasse began his military career by enlisting in the United States Air Force in December 1975 under the delayed enlistment program. He entered basic training in June 1976 and subsequently completed the Aircraft Maintenance Technician's School at Chanute AFB, Illinois. His first duty assignment was to Strategic Air Command (SAC) with the 305th Air Refueling Wing, 305th Organizational Maintenance Squadron at Grissom AFB, Indiana, where he performed as EC/KC-135 Crew Chief. While there, he accompanied his assigned aircraft on numerous Tanker Task Force deployments throughout the European and Pacific theaters, Alaska and countless tours on the SAC Alert Force in support of the Single Integrated Operations Plan.

In June, 1984, Chief Hasse was reassigned to the 22d Air Refueling Wing at March AFB, California where he served as KC-135 Crew Chief and as Job Control KC-135/KC-10 Senior Controller. He was later reassigned to Headquarters 15th Air Force as Logistics Operations Controller in the Combat Operations Center and eventually as Logistics Plans and Programs Superintendent in the Headquarters Complex.

In August, 1990, Chief Hasse was reassigned to the 306th Strategic Wing, 34th Strategic Squadron at Zaragoza AB, Spain as KC-135/KC-10 Maintenance Liaison. He provided crucial support to deployed C-141, KC-10, KC-135 and various other aircraft in support of Operations DESERT SHIELD, DESERT STORM and DESERT CALM at both Zaragoza AB and Moron AB, Spain, as well as Riyadh AB, Saudi Arabia. He assisted in the orderly transfer of Zaragoza AB back to the Spanish government during closure.

In March, 1992, Chief Hasse was reassigned to the 5th Bomb Wing, 5th Organizational Maintenance Squadron at Minot AFB, North Dakota, as KC-135 Production Expediter and, with the demise of SAC, became KC-135A/R Production Superintendent for Air Mobility Command's 906th Air Refueling Squadron. He led the deployment of 12 KC-135s to Lajes Field, Azores in support of Operation RESTORE HOPE and converted the unit to the KC-135R in only 6-months, followed immediately by an AMC Operational Readiness Inspection and the first "Unit Deployment" to Riyadh AB, Saudi Arabia. Upon redeployment, he helped organize personnel and aircraft reassignments to other units during AMC's tanker realignments.

In June, 1994, Chief Hasse was reassigned to the 319th Air Refueling Wing, 319th Aircraft Generation Squadron at Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota as Senior KC-135R Production Superintendent. There he led the effort to build an AMU from the ground up with reassigned personnel and establish AMC's first "Super Tanker Wing". He deployed for extended periods to RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom, in support of European Task Force operations, to Riyadh AB, Saudi Arabia in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH, and to Edwards AFB, California in support of AC-130, B-2, C-17 and other flight test operations.

In June, 1996, Chief Hasse was reassigned to the NATO E-3A Component at Geilenkirchen AB, Germany as Quality Control Superintendent and Maintenance Production Control Superintendent. There he supervised a multinational workforce in providing direct airborne early warning support to operations over Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo, at home station and while deployed to forward locations in Sicily and Greece.

In June, 1999, Chief Hasse was reassigned to the 314th Airlift Wing, 314th Maintenance Squadron at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas as Maintenance Flight Chief. There he supervised over 150 personnel in isochronal inspection, wheel and tire, aero-repair, and aircraft refurbishment branches supporting the maintenance operations, flight operations and worldwide deployments of over 72 assigned C-130E/H aircraft from both Air Education and Training Command and Air Mobility Command.